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Title: Need to release funds for maintenance of N.H.-47 in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI J. HELEN DAVIDSON (KANYAKUMARI): I would like to bring to notice of the Government that in the year 2005 NH-47 came under the control of NHAI. From that year onwards NH-47 is getting poor attention in respect of maintenance of the road. NHAI is sanctioning only 1.10 crore yearly for maintaining 58 KM which is totally insufficient. Due to negligence, NH-47 has become unsafe for the public for travelling. Even though my constituency got recognized as international tourist centre as well as religious tourist spot, the roads connecting it are unsafe for travelling. NH-47 is a very busy National Highway. Due to worst condition of NH-47 every day 4 to 5 accidents are taking place. Even, there is no by-pass road in my constituency for reaching the destination in time.

For going Thiruvananthapuram from Karalkinaru and Kanyakumari, people have no option but to go through NH-47 and it takes nearly 3 to 4 hrs to reach there. Whenever it is enquired, the answer is adequate fund is not being allotted for maintenance of NH-47 on yearly basis.

When I enquired recently with the NHAI they have said that for maintaining NH-47 basically they have sent a proposal of Rs. 20 crores which is being kept pending for no reason.

Hence I request the Government to release the fund expeditiously.